

I am very troubled about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and an abuse of these station's FCC license to serve the public good.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The anti-Kerry "documentary" is being billed as "news." This is simply untrue. The documentary is propaganda, disguised as "news" to avoid the fairness rules established to provide some modicum of fairness to U.S. elections.

I think that, should Sinclair Broadcasting force its stations to air this propaganda film in prime time and just prior to an election, the broadcast licenses of each station should be revoked, since they have so little regard for the public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.